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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/524,091
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Art Unit	2611
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$790.00 for the RCE Fee to Account No. 09-0460 (IBM Corporation). Also, The Director is hereby authorized to charge, or credit any overpayments to Account No. 09-0460 (IBM Corporation).

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 04/25/2006 NNGUYEN1 00000055 090460 09524091

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1253 1020.00 OP

iii. Other _____

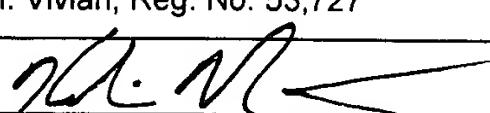
b. Check in the amount of \$1,020.00 for the 3-month Extension of Time is enclosed.

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